

UNIT HISTORY
of
692D TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

1942

The 692d Tank Destroyer Battalion was activated at Camp Gordon, Georgia 10 April 1942 in compliance with General Order number 17, Headquarters Camp Gordon, Georgia dated 6 April 1942 under T/O 18-15. The Battalion began basic training as soon as fillers were received, being designated as a replacement Battalion per authority contained in letter 320.2/363 SUBJECT "Replacement Pools" dated 2 October 1942, Headquarters AGF, Army War College, Washington, D.C.

1943

Replacement training was begun in January and in February, training as a combat unit was started. On 29 March, the Battalion moved from Camp Gordon, Georgia to Camp Bowie, Texas where basic training was begun. On 14 May, the Battalion moved from Camp Bowie to North Camp Hood, Texas, then to Camp Hood, Texas on 24 June 1943, where training was continued. From Camp Hood, Texas the unit entrained to Camp Phillips, Kansas on the 8 November. Tennessee maneuvers were begun after the subsequent move from Camp Phillips, Kansas to Carthage Junction, Tennessee on 1 December.

1944

Maneuver training was completed on 12 January and a move to Camp Campbell, Kentucky was made on 16 January, and then to Camp Kilmer, New Jersey on 25 August. On 10 September the Battalion moved to the New York Port of Embarkation and boarded the transport HMS "Scythia" on 12 September. It arrived at Cherbourg, France on the 23 September and moved to Valognes staging area. The Battalion joined the 104th Infantry Division 28 October and was in Aachen, Germany area during November, reaching the Ruhr River in December. Defensive positions were taken up during the German break-through in the Ardennes.

1945

During January and February, the Battalion remained with the 104th Infantry Division and drove to the approaches of Cologne on 5 March. On the 21 March the Battalion joined the 42nd Infantry Division with the mission to breach the Siegfried Line. During April, the Battalion participated in the offensive which affected the penetration of Nuremberg and Munchen.

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1945

At the termination of the war, the unit assumed occupational duties in Torwang, Germany and in Austria, in June. At the end of the war the Battalion had 193 days of combat duty, had received 525 awards and decorations, 106 enemy weapons and 43 enemy vehicles had been destroyed, 137 enemy strong points neutralized and 2492 prisoners had been taken. The Battalion arrived at Le Havre, France 7 July for re-deployment to the Pacific and sailed 14 August landing at Boston 26 August. In October, the Battalion assembled at Camp Swift, Texas, was reorganized during November and December under T/O 18-25 and training for an administrative cadre was begun.

1946

Administrative training was continued during January and February until orders for inactivation were received as of 8 February.

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